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SUBJECT: DEATH: ROBIN ROBERT MCCLURE

TO: ROBERT E. MCCLURE
48 AGNES STREET
CARAOPOLIS, PENNSYLVANIA 15108

IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH
OF YOUR SON ROBIN ROBERT MCCLURE. ZERMATT POLICE AUTHORITIES
INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BERN ON JULY 19, 1977 OF HIS
DEATH OF INJURIES SUFFERED IN A MOUNTAIN ACCIDENT ON JULY 16,
1977 ON THE MATTERHORN, ZERMATT.

YOUR SON AND HIS FRIEND GLEN WARREN CONARROE ALLEGEDLY CLIMBED
THE EAST SIDE OF THE MATTERHORN ON THE NORMAL ROUTE AND
REACHED THE SUMMIT. ON THE WAY DOWN ONE OF THEM SLIPPED
IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE SUMMIT AND BOTH FELL DOWN THE NORTH
SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN ON TO THE GLACIER APPROXIMATELY 2625 FEET
UNDERNEATH.

THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL
WRITE YOU CONCERNING THEIR DIPOSITION.

REGRETFULLY I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO
MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL
OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS
AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER
OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SON'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE
U.S. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO
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NEW YORK WOULD COST \$3,300. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS
TO U.S. WOULD COST \$770. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE
COST IS \$1000. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS
\$900. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE
FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN

EMBASSY, BERN, SWITZERLAND, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND, BERN, SWITZERLAND PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATE:

A) FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

2. OCCUPATION

3. MARITAL STATUS (IF MARRIED, MAIDENNAME OF WIFE AND NAMES OF POSSIBLE CHILDREN).

IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 031/43 00 11 IN BERN.

BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
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